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OF TFSC "PRESIDENT" DENKTASH'S REPLY TO GOC PRESIDENT
KYPRIANOU'S APRIL 19 STATEMENT (REFTEL). PARAGRAPH NUMBERING
ADDED BY EMBASSY.

(BEGIN TEXT)

1. THIS NEGATIVE REACTION BY MR. KYPRIANOU, THOUGH
REGRETTABLE, WAS NOT UNEXPECTED. A LOOK AT YESTERDAY'S

GREEK PRESS AND STATEMENTS MADE BY GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THEIR MOTIVATION IN ASSESSING THE MERITS AND DE-MERITS OF OUR PROPOSALS IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE PROPOSALS THEMSELVES BUT IS DIRECTED BY WHAT THE U.S. CONGRESS SHOULD DO TO TURKEY IN RELATION TO THE AID BILL WHICH IS BEING DEBATED AT THE CONGRESS.

2. SINCE 1974 THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE HAS GOT AWAY WITH THE PROPAGANDA THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS HAD NOT BEEN CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL. WITH THIS EXCUSE IN HAND THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS PREFERRED INTERNATIONAL PROPAGANDA TO SERIOUS NEGOTIATION. THAT IS WHY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE AGREED THAT ON THIS ISSUE (NAMELY WHETHER THE PROPOSALS WERE CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL) THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD HAVE THE FINAL SAY. IF THE PROPOSALS WERE CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL THEN NEGOTIATING PROCESS SHOULD BEGIN. THAT WAS THE AGREEMENT.

3. TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WERE FOUND TO BE "CONCRETE, SUBSTANTIAL AND VOLUMINOUS" BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BUT MR. KYPRIANOU CHOSE TO REJECT THESE PROPOSALS ON THE GROUND THAT THESE DO NOT PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

4. THIS ATTITUDE INDICATES THAT IN THE VIEW OF MR. KYPRIANOU THE GREEK SIDE WILL NOT SIT AND NEGOTIATE UNLESS TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE TAILORED TO HIS OWN MEASURES. IN FACT, HE IS ON RECORD AS HAVING SAID THAT GREEK CYPRIOT

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PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD AT VIENNA LAST YEAR ARE ALMOST THE FINAL POSITION OF HIS SIDE*.. HIS PRETENDED AGREEMENT, THEREFORE, THAT HE WOULD NEGOTIATE IF TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS WERE FOUND TO BE "CONCRETE AND SUBSTANTIAL" SEEM TO HAVE BEEN A FALSE PROPAGANDA STUNT JUST IN ORDER TO GAIN TIME IN ORDER TO FAN THE PRO-EMBARGO SENTIMENTS IN U.S.A. AGAINST TURKEY.

5. THE GREEK CYPRIOT OBJECTIONS TO OUR PROPOSALS REST ON CERTAIN PRE-CONCEIVED NOTIONS. ONE OF THEM IS THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS REST ON CONFEDERATION AND NOT FEDERATION. SURELY THIS ARGUMENT CAN BE ADVANCED AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AND THE PROBLEM DISCUSSED WITH THE HELP OF CONSTITUTIONAL ADVISERS. TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS REST ON THE NUMBER OF TRAGIC EVENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1963, FOR NONE OF WHICH IS THE TURKISH COMMUNITY RESPONSIBLE. THOSE WHO WISH TO RE-ESTABLISH INTER-COMMUNAL HARMONY AND A PARTNERSHIP ON THE BASIS OF A BI-ZONAL FEDERATION SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THE INHUMAN TREATMENT AFFORDED TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY FROM DECEMBER 1963 TO JULY 1974.

6. MR. KYPRIANOU'S TREATMENT OF OUR TERRITORIAL PROPOSALS

INCLUDING THAT OF VAROSHA INDICATES THAT HE IS MORE
INTERESTED IN HAVING THE CONFLICT CONTINUE THAN IN HAVING
AN IMPRESSIVE NUMBER OF HIS DISPLACED PERSONS RETURN TO
THEIR HOMES. THIS IS UNFORTUNATE FROM A HUMANITARIAN
POINT OF VIEW ALSO. HE IS, IN FACT, PROHIBITING ANY GREEK
CYPRIOT FROM RETURNING TO HIS HOME IN VAROSHA BECAUSE IF
THIS HAPPENS HE WILL LOSE A BIG PROPAGANDA STICK TO HIT
TURKEY WITH. HE IGNORES MY EARLIER CALL TO BUSINESSMEN OF
VAROSHA TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AND FORGETS THE WAY VAROSHA
WAS USED AS AN ATTACK POST AGAINST THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PART
OF FAMAGUSTA AND THE HARBOUR FROM 1963 TO 1964 AND LATER IN
1974. HIS ASSUMPTION THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY
REQUIREMENTS CAN BE MET BY SOOTHING WORDS FROM THOSE WHO
CONTINUE TO LOOK UPON THEMSELVES AS "GREEK HEROES" WHOSE
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HELLENIZATION PROCESS OF CYPRUS HAS STILL TO BE COMPLETED,
HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE REALITIES OF CYPRUS.

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7. MR. KYPRIANOU IS VERY UPSET THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF THE TERRITORY (AND OF VAROSHA) WILL BE UNDER TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL. HE REFERS TO THIS AS A FEARFUL EVENTUALITY LEAVING THESE PARTS "AT THE MERCY" OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION BUT HAS NO HESITATION IN CALLING UPON THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY TO PLACE ITSELF, COMPLETELY, AT THE MERCY OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHOSE PAST RECORDS SHOW HOW UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY PLANNED TO ANNIHILATE THE TURKS AND WITH WHAT EFFECT THEY EXECUTED THESE PLANS FROM DECEMBER 1963 TO JULY 1974.

8. IN SHORT, MR. KYPRIANOU HAS PUT HIMSELF IN THE POSITION OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS ARE NEITHER CONCRETE NOR SUBSTANTIAL. HE HAS GONE FURTHER AND DECLARED THAT THESE PROPOSALS DO NOT PROVIDE A BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION WITHOUT EVEN MEETING WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COUNTER-PARTS IN ORDER TO FIND OUT THE NEGOTIABILITY OF THE PROPOSALS AS A WHOLE OR ANY PART OF THEM.

9. MR. KYPRIANOU'S ARGUMENT THAT ACCEPTANCE TO NEGOTIATE THE PROPOSALS WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO AN ABANDONMENT OF THE U.N. RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS AND THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF CYPRUS ARE PHRASES WHICH CAN ONLY MISLEAD THE UNINITIATED IN THE AFFAIRS OF CYPRUS. TURKISH PROPOSALS AIM AT RE-ESTABLISHING THE BI-COMMUNAL STATE OF CYPRUS AND IN CURTAILING ONCE AND FOR ALL THE PLANS FOR UNITING THE ISLAND WITH GREECE.

10. MR. KYPRIANOU WISHES TO MAINTAIN A STATE OF AFFAIRS WHICH WILL GIVE HIM THE RIGHT - WHEN THE TIME COMES - TO USE THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS AS A LEVERAGE FOR UNITING THE ISLAND WITH GREECE. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY CANNOT FORGET THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT BY MR. KYPRIANOU, WHICH HE MADE ON APRIL 1, 1967: QUOTE

AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE THE CYPRUS STRUGGLE IS PASSING THROUGH THERE IS A GREAT ADVANTAGE WHICH DID NOT EXIST IN 1955 AND THAT IS THE FACT THAT CYPRUS IS NOW AN INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN STATE AND, THEREFORE, THE STRUGGLE FOR UNION WITH GREECE IS EASIER AND SHORTER

THAN BEFORE. END QUOTE.

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11. AND NOTHING IS ON RECORD FROM HIM THAT HE HAS ABANDONED THIS VERY IDEA. ON THE CONTRARY THE SAME CHURCH AND THE SAME LEADERSHIP CONTINUE TO TALK ABOUT "TH NATIONAL AIRS OF THE HELLENES OF CYPRUS". THESE AIMS WERE RECORDED IN THE BOOKS OF THE HOUSE IN 1967 (RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 26 JUNE 1967) IN THE FOLLOWING WORDS:

QUOTE: DESPITE ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE STRUGGLE WHICH IS BEING CONDUCTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF ALL HELLENES, WILL CONTINUE UNTIL IT ENDS IN SUCCESS THROUGH THE UNION OF THE WHOLE AND UNDIVIDED CYPRUS WITH THE MOTHERLAND, WITHOUT ANY INTERMEDIARY STAGE. END QUOTE.

12. MY REPEATED CALLS TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS TO ERASE THESE WORDS OF TREASON HAVE FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. THE ARMED ORGANIZATIONS WHICH AIM AT UNION WITH GREECE ARE STRONGER THAN THE GREEK CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION WHICH HAS NEVER DENIED TO SHARE THE SAME ASPIRATIONS WITH THEM.

13. MR. KYPRIANOU CONSIDERS THAT IF HE AGREES TO SET UP A BI-ZONAL FEDERATION WITH THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS THIS WILL BE POLITICAL SUICIDE FOR HIM. ONE HAS TO AGREE THAT THIS WILL BE SO IF MR. KYPRIANOU HAS NOT ABANDONED HIS ENOSIS AIMS. IF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS AND THEIR LEADERS SHARE THE VIEW THAT THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE BASED ON A BI-ZONAL FEDERAL BASIS (AS AGREED BY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS) THEN THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF INTER-COMMUNAL PARTNERSHIP WHICH CAN PAVE THE WAY TO INTER-COMMUNAL HARMONY BY A PROCESS OF EVOLUTION.

14. THE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE HOPES THAT PASSION WILL GIVE WAY TO REASON AND GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERS WILL HAVE A SECOND LOOK AT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS... (END TEXT)
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